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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Diane Salkie
ATTN: Lower Passaic River Remedial Project Manager
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**Re: Monthly Progress Report No. 151 – November 2019
Lower Passaic River Study Area (LPRSA) Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study
(RI/FS)
CERCLA Docket No. 02-2007-2009**

Dear Ms. Salkie:

de maximis, inc. is submitting this Monthly Progress Report for the above-captioned project on the behalf of the RI/FS Agreement Settling Parties (Cooperative Parties Group or CPG) pursuant to the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (Settlement Agreement or AOC). The Progress Report satisfies the reporting requirements of Paragraph 42 of said Settlement Agreement. The CPG has revised this Progress Report to address the Region's direction in its September 1, 2015 letter about Section (d).

(a) Actions which have been taken to comply with this Settlement Agreement during the previous month.

Meetings/Conference Calls

- On November 20, CPG participated and made a presentation during the Stakeholder Session for Contaminated Sediment Technical Advisory Group (CSTAG)/National Remedy Review Board (NRRB) meeting conducted on November 19-21.

Correspondence

- On November 7, EPA Region 2 (Region 2) and CPG exchanged emails regarding the use of the CPG Google Fly-over presentation at the scheduled November 19-21, 2019 CSTAG/NRRB meeting.
- On November 8 Region 2 provided preliminary high-level comments to CPG on the Interim Remedy (IR) Completion Evaluation Framework and Adaptive Management Plan (AMP) appendices to the Upper 9-Mile IR/Feasibility Study (FS).

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- On November 12, CPG provided Region 2 the CPG's CSTAG/NRRB Statement in advance of the CSTAG/NRRB Review scheduled for November 19-21, 2019.
- On November 15, CPG delivered the October Monthly Progress Report to Region 2.
- On November 15, Region 2 and CPG exchanged emails regarding distribution of presentation materials for the scheduled November 19-21, 2019 CSTAG/NRRB meeting.
- On November 19, Region 2 and CPG exchanged emails clarifying details in the Google Fly-over presentation for the scheduled November 19-21, 2019 CSTAG/NRRB meeting.
- On November 25, CPG provided responses to Region 2's proposed compositing of fish and crab tissue to Region 2.

Work

- CPG continued work on supplemental modeling projections for the Draft Upper 9-Mile IR FS.
- CPG reviewed Region 2 comments on the Draft Upper 9-Mile IR FS.
- CPG continued field work for the Physical Water Column Monitoring (PWCM) component of Current Conditions Sampling.
- CPG continued field work for the Small Volume Chemical Water Column Monitoring (SV CWCM) component of Current Conditions Sampling.
- CPG continued validation of PWCM and SV CWCM data.
- CPG began developing the QAPP for the Current Conditions High Volume (HV) CWCM program.
- CPG continued work on revision and calibration of the Bioaccumulation Model.
- CPG completed preparations for participation at the CSTAG/NRRB meeting.
- CPG continued to work with Region 2 to develop a fish and crab compositing plan.

(b) Results of Sampling and Tests

- None.

(c) Work planned for the next two months with schedules relating to the overall project schedule for RI/FS completion

- CPG will continue calibration of the Bioaccumulation Model.
- CPG will respond to comments on the Draft Upper 9-Mile IR FS .
- CPG will continue developing the HV CWCM QAPP.
- CPG will continue the PWCM and SV CWCM field work.
- CPG will continue validation of PWCM and SV CWCM data.
- CPG will continue supplemental modeling projections for the Draft Upper 9-Mile IR FS.
- CPG will finalize compositing plan for the Current Conditions fish and crab samples and begin processing analysis of the composites.

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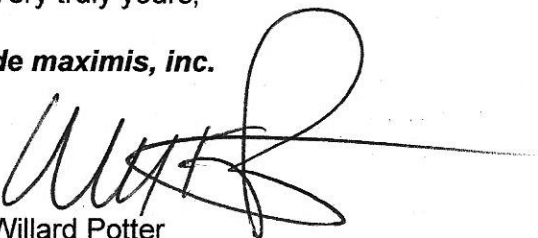
(d) Problems encountered and anticipated problems, actual or anticipated delays, and solutions developed and implemented to address actual or anticipated problems or delays.

- None

If you have any questions, please contact Rob Law or me at (908) 735-9315.

Very truly yours,

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